

REMARKS

This amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner has objected to claim 8 for including an informality. Applicant has amended claim 8 as set out above.

Turning to the merits of the Office Action, claims 1-19 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-8 and 11-18 have been deemed allowable over the art of record. Claims 11-18, though deemed allowable over the cited art, have been objected to for depending on rejected base claims. Claims 9-10 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Shiota et al. (U.S.P. 6,011,547, hereafter "Shiota") in view of Harshberger (U.S.P. 5,351,201). Applicant submits the following comments in traversal of the prior art rejections.

Applicant notes that Shiota has an effective filing date of October 22, 1997 which is after the foreign priority date (August 29, 1997) of JP 9-233415 from which priority is claimed. Therefore, the rejection over the combination of Shiota and Harshberger is traversed by Applicant's submission of a verified English translation of JP 9-233415.

Applicant further notes that the Examiner has provided a specific reason for the allowance of independent claim 1. For purposes of obtaining a varied scope of coverage for the invention, Applicant has added new independent claim 20 and dependent claim 21.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that claims 1-21 are in condition for allowance. Therefore it is respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue at the earliest

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possible time. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

8 (Amended). The image print system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said first processor further comprises an editor for editing the original image into a desired image, said data transmitter transmitting information generated by said editor to said second ~~data~~ processor together with the original image data.

Claim 20 and 21 are added as new claims.